

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A broadcast receiving terminal which receives a broadcast wave and displays broadcast contents,

wherein the broadcast wave includes stream information indicating broadcast contents, and outline information indicating an outline of the broadcast contents, and

said broadcast receiving terminal comprises:

a receiving unit operable to receive the broadcast wave;

a display unit operable to display the broadcast contents;

a judging unit operable to judge, based on a user's operation, whether or not the broadcast contents should be displayed;

a display control unit operable to perform image processing on the stream information of the broadcast wave received by said receiving unit, and to cause said display unit to display the broadcast contents, when said judging unit judges that the broadcast contents should be displayed;

an outline presentation unit operable to present the outline, so that the outline synchronizes with the broadcast contents, which is indicated by the outline information transmitted by the broadcast wave received by said receiving unit, when said judging unit judges that the broadcast contents should not be displayed; and

a function processing unit operable to activate and terminate a predetermined function based on a user's operation,

wherein the broadcast wave includes a limit flag which limits judgment of said judging

unit and a release flag which releases the limitation on the judgment,

wherein said judging unit is operable to:

judge, when said receiving unit receives the limit flag while said display unit displays the broadcast contents, that the broadcast contents indicated by the stream information should be continuously displayed after the reception of the limit flag until the release flag is received by said receiving unit, regardless of a user's operation; and

judge that the broadcast contents should not be displayed when the predetermined function is activated before the limit flag is received or after the release flag is received, and judge that the broadcast contents should be displayed when the predetermined function is terminated before the limit flag is received or after the release flag is received, and

wherein said function processing unit is further operable to cause, when the predetermined function has been activated, said display unit to display a function processing image ~~generated by the predetermined function~~ instead of the broadcast contents while said outline presentation unit presents the outline, the function processing image being generated by the predetermined function and being different from the outline.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The broadcast receiving terminal according to Claim 1,

wherein said outline presentation unit is operable to cause said display unit to display the outline as a character string.

4. (Previously Presented) The broadcast receiving terminal according to Claim 3,
wherein said display unit has a first display area, and a second display area smaller than
the first display area,
wherein said display control unit is operable to display the broadcast contents in the first
display area, and
wherein said outline presentation unit is operable to display the outline in the second
display area.

5. (Previously Presented) The broadcast receiving terminal according to Claim 1,
wherein said outline presentation unit is operable to notify the user of the outline
indicated by the outline information with a voice.

6. (Previously Presented) The broadcast receiving terminal according to Claim 1,
wherein the outline information includes time information indicating the time when the
outline should be presented, and
wherein said outline presentation unit is operable to present the outline when the present
time matches the time indicated by the time information.

7. (Previously Presented) The broadcast receiving terminal according to Claim 1,
wherein said outline presentation unit is further operable to perform image processing

on the stream information of the broadcast wave received by said receiving unit, and to cause said display unit to display a moving picture with a lower image quality than the broadcast contents displayed by said display control unit, when said judging unit judges that broadcast contents should not be displayed.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The broadcast receiving terminal according to Claim 1, further comprising a reception unit operable to receive an instruction to display/not display the broadcast contents, based on the user's operation,

wherein said judging unit is operable to judge that the broadcast contents should be displayed, when an instruction to display is received by said reception unit, and operable to judge that the broadcast contents should not be displayed, when an instruction not to display is received by said reception unit.

10. (Previously Presented) The broadcast receiving terminal according to Claim 1, wherein said broadcast receiving terminal is configured in first and second forms, which can be switched between in accordance with a user's operation; and

wherein said judging unit is operable to judge that the broadcast contents should be displayed, when said broadcast receiving terminal is in the first form, and to judge that the broadcast contents should not be displayed, when said broadcast receiving terminal is in the

second form.

11. (Previously Presented) The broadcast receiving terminal according to Claim 10, wherein said display unit includes a first display unit, which appears on the surface when said broadcast receiving terminal is in the first form, and a second display unit, which appears on the surface when said broadcast receiving terminal is in the second form, wherein said display control unit is operable to cause said first display unit to display the broadcast contents, and wherein said outline presentation unit is operable to cause said second display unit to display the outline.

12. (Currently Amended) A broadcast apparatus which transmits a broadcast wave, said broadcast apparatus comprising:

an outline information generating unit operable to generate outline information indicating an outline of broadcast contents of the broadcast wave; and

a transmission unit operable to transmit the outline information on the broadcast wave so that the outline indicated by the outline information is synchronized with the broadcast contents,

wherein said transmission unit is operable to transmit, included in the broadcast wave, a limit flag which imposes a limitation on a display of broadcast contents so that the display of the broadcast contents is forced to continue, and a release flag which releases the limitation imposed by the limit flag.

13. (Original) The broadcast apparatus according to Claim 12,
wherein said transmission unit is operable to transmit, included in the outline
information, time information indicating a time at which the outline should be presented.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A broadcast receiving method of receiving a broadcast wave
and displaying broadcast contents,

wherein the broadcast wave includes stream information which indicates broadcast
contents, and outline information which indicates an outline of the broadcast contents, and

wherein said broadcasting receiving method comprises:

a receiving step of receiving the broadcast wave;

a judging step of judging whether or not the broadcast contents should be displayed,
based on a user's operation;

a display control step of executing an image processing on the stream information of the
broadcast wave received in said receiving step and causing the broadcast contents to be displayed
on a display unit, when it is judged, in said judging step, that the broadcast contents should be
displayed;

an outline presentation step of presenting the outline indicated by the outline information
received in said receiving step, so that the outline synchronizes with the broadcast contents, when
it is judged, in said judging step, that the broadcast contents should not be displayed; and

a function processing step of activating and terminating a predetermined function based on a user's operation,

wherein the broadcast wave includes a limit flag which limits judgment in said judging step and a release flag which releases the limitation on the judgment,

wherein in said judging step,

(i) when the limit flag is received in said receiving step while the broadcast contents are displayed in said display control step, it is judged that the broadcast contents indicated by the stream information should be continuously displayed after the reception of the limit flag until the release flag is received in said receiving step, regardless of a user's operation, and

(ii) when the predetermined function is activated before the limit flag is received or after the release flag is received, it is judged that the broadcast contents should not be displayed, and when the predetermined function is terminated before the limit flag is received or after the release flag is received, it is judged that the broadcast contents should be displayed, and

wherein in said function processing step, when the predetermined function has been activated, the display unit is caused to display a function processing image ~~generated by the predetermined function~~ instead of the broadcast contents while the outline is presented in said outline presentation step, the function processing image being generated by the predetermined function and being different from the outline.

16. (Currently Amended) A program recorded on a computer-readable recording

medium, for receiving a broadcast wave and displaying broadcast contents,

wherein the broadcast wave includes stream information indicating the broadcast contents, and outline information indicating an outline of the broadcast contents, and

wherein said program causes a computer to execute a method comprising:

a receiving step of receiving the broadcast wave;

a judging step of judging whether or not the broadcast contents should be displayed, based on a user's operation;

a display control step of executing an image processing on the stream information of the broadcast wave received in said receiving step and causing the broadcast contents to be displayed on a display unit, when it is judged, in said judging step, that the broadcast contents should be displayed;

an outline presentation step of presenting the outline indicated by the outline information received in said receiving step, so that the outline synchronizes with the broadcast contents, when it is judged, in said judging step, that the broadcast contents should not be displayed; and

a function processing step of activating and terminating a predetermined function based on a user's operation,

wherein the broadcast wave includes a limit flag which limits judgment in said judging step and a release flag which releases the limitation on the judgment,

wherein in said judging step,

(i) when the limit flag is received in said receiving step while the broadcast contents are displayed in said display control step, it is judged that the broadcast contents

indicated by the stream information should be continuously displayed after the reception of the limit flag until the release flag is received in said receiving step, regardless of a user's operation, and

(ii) when the predetermined function is activated before the limit flag is received or after the release flag is received, it is judged that the broadcast contents should not be displayed, and when the predetermined function is terminated before the limit flag is received or after the release flag is received, it is judged that the broadcast contents should be displayed, and

wherein in said function processing step, when the predetermined function has been activated, the display unit is caused to display a function processing image ~~generated by the predetermined function~~ instead of the broadcast contents while the outline is presented in said outline presentation step, the function processing image being generated by the predetermined function and being different from the outline.